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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1693

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:	)	
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HABERMANN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1653
	)	
Application No.: 09/664,326	)	Examiner: H. Schnizer
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Filed: September 18, 2000	)	
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For: SIGNAL SEQUENCES FOR	)	
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SECRETION BY E. COLI INTO THE	)	
CULTURE MEDIUM	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b), Appellants request an oral hearing. This request is timely since it is made within two months after January 26, 2004, the date of the Examiner's Answer.

A check for the required fee of \$290.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 19, 2004

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